

CLAIMS

1. A suspension system for curtains, drapes, blinds, swags, scarves, or other types of window treatment, said suspension system comprising:
 - 5 (1) a mounting fixture comprising:
 - (a) a window frame or wall engaging portion, said window frame or wall engaging portion being attachable to a window frame or a wall adjacent a window;
 - (b) at least one cavity defining portion enclosing an elongate cavity, said cavity defining portion being either attached to or integral with said window frame or wall
 - 10 (c) a slot in said cavity defining portion, said slot communicating with said elongate cavity;
 - (d) said elongate cavity including a first end and a second end, said first end being open and said second end being closed by an end closure or blocking member;
 - 15 (e) said mounting fixture being mountable with said elongate cavity substantially vertical, so that said first end is disposed above said second end; and
- (2) at least one bracket, rod, cornice or other window treatment component, said at least one window treatment component including a cavity engaging portion for attachment to said mounting fixture by insertion into said cavity through said first end of said cavity, whereby said window treatment component is supported on said end closure or blocking member at said second end of said cavity.

(2) A suspension system, according to claim 1, wherein said window treatment component is assemblable with said mounting fixture, with a portion of said window treatment component extending outwardly through said slot.

5 (3) A suspension system, according to claim 1, wherein a length of said cavity engaging portion of said window treatment component exceeds a length of said cavity.

(4) A mounting fixture for a suspension system for curtains, drapes, blinds, swags, scarves, or other types of window treatment, said mounting fixture comprising:

10 (a) a window frame or wall engaging portion, said window frame or wall engaging portion being attachable to a window frame or a wall adjacent a window;

(b) at least one cavity defining portion enclosing an elongate cavity, said cavity defining portion being either attached to or integral with said window frame or wall engaging portion;

15 (c) a slot in said cavity defining portion, said slot communicating with said elongate cavity;

(d) said elongate cavity including a first end and a second end, said first end being open and said second end being closed by an end closure or blocking member;

20 (e) said fixture being mountable with said elongate cavity substantially vertical, so that said first end is disposed above said second end; and

(f) said mounting fixture being engageable by at least one bracket, rod, cornice or other window treatment component, said at least one window treatment

component including a cavity engaging portion for attachment to said mounting fixture by insertion into said cavity through said first end of said cavity, whereby said window system treatment component is supported on said end closure or blocking member at said second end of said cavity.

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5. A mounting fixture, according to claim 4, wherein said window frame or wall engaging portion comprises a plate with mounting holes disposed therein.

6. A mounting fixture, according to claim 4, wherein said elongate cavity is
10 substantially cylindrical.

7. A mounting fixture, according to claim 4, wherein said elongate cavity is substantially rectangular.

15 8. A mounting fixture, according to claim 7, wherein said cavity defining portion comprises a pair of flanged ribs, said cavity being disposed between said ribs, and said slot being disposed between said flanges on said pair of flanged ribs.

9. A mounting fixture, according to claim 5, wherein said mounting fixture
20 comprises a plurality of cavity defining portions, and at least two of said mounting holes are disposed between adjacent ones of said cavity defining portions.

10. A mounting fixture, according to claim 4, wherein said blocking member is attached to or integral with said window frame or wall engaging portion.

11. A bracket, rod, cornice, or other window treatment component, said
5 window treatment component including a cavity engaging portion for attachment to a mounting fixture, said mounting fixture comprising:

(a) a window frame or wall engaging portion, said window frame or wall engaging portion being attachable to a window frame or a wall adjacent a window;

10 (b) at least one cavity defining portion enclosing an elongate cavity, said cavity defining portion being either attached to or integral with said window frame or wall engaging portion;

(c) a slot in said cavity defining portion, said slot communicating with said elongate cavity;

15 (d) said elongate cavity including a first end and a second end, said first end being open and said second end being closed by an end closure or blocking member;

(e) said fixture being mountable with said elongate cavity substantially vertical, so that said first end is disposed above said second end; and

20 (f) whereby said window treatment component may be assembled with said mounting fixture by inserting said cavity engaging portion of said window treatment component into said cavity through said first end of said cavity.

12. A window treatment component, according to claim 11, said window treatment component comprising a bracket for at least one drapery rod.

13. A window treatment component, according to claim 11, said window treatment component comprising a bracket for at least one curtain rod.

14. A window treatment component, according to claim 13, wherein said curtain rod comprises a rod for rod pocket curtains.

10 15. A window treatment component, according to claim 13, wherein said at least one curtain rod comprises a traverse rod for curtains.

16. A window treatment component, according to claim 11, said window treatment component comprising a curtain rod, said mounting fixture engaging portion 15 being disposed at an end thereof.

17. A window treatment component, according to claim 11, said window treatment component comprising a cornice, a first one of said mounting fixture engaging portion being disposed at a first end thereof and a second one of said mounting fixture 20 engaging portion being disposed at a second end thereof so that said cornice may be assembled with a pair of mounting fixtures, said mounting fixtures disposed on opposite sides of a window.

18. A suspension system, according to claim 12, wherein said at least one window treatment component comprises a bracket for a roll blind.

19. A suspension system, according to claim 12, wherein said at least one window treatment component comprises a bracket for Venetian blinds.

20. A suspension system, according to claim 12, wherein said at least one window treatment component is a bracket for a scarf or swag.